

**Advisory Committee on the U.S. Geological Survey's Bird Banding Laboratory
Summary of Meeting June 13 and 14 2006**

June 13 and 14 2006- Restating the Issues

The Advisory Committee on the Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) was convened for its third meeting at 8:00 A.M. on June 13, 2006 at the Western regional Office headquarters of Ducks Unlimited, Inc. in Sacramento, CA.

In accordance with Public Law 92-463 the meeting was open to the public for its entirety.

Committee members present:

Mr. Paul Schmidt, Co-Chair	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Dr. Susan Haseltine, Co-Chair	U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
Mr. Daniel James	USGS/ Designated Federal Officer
Mr. Brad Bales	National Flyway Council/AFWA
Dr. David DeSante	Institute for Bird Populations
Dr. Paul Green	National Audubon Society
Dr. Joseph Jehl	Retired Ornithologist/Bander
Dr. Jasper Lament	Ducks Unlimited
Ms. Ellen Paul	The Ornithological Council
Mr. Rick Young	Pheasants Forever

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. David Bonter	Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Dr. Paul Doherty	Colorado State University
Dr. Charles Francis	Canadian Wildlife Service
Dr. Richard Lancia	The Wildlife Society
Dr. C. John Ralph	North American Banding Council

Also present:

Mr. Paul Dresler—Coordinator, Status and Trends of Biological Resources Program, USGS
Dr. John Rogers—Facilitator, The Conservation Fund
Mr. John Alexander—Executive Director, Klamath Bird Observatory (representing Dr. Ralph)
Ms. Lesley-Anne Howes—Bird Banding Biologist, National Wildlife Research Centre, Canadian Wildlife Service (representing Dr. Francis)

No members of the public were in attendance

The Committee reviewed and approved, without change, the minutes of its second meeting on February 22 and 23, 2006.

The task for the entire two days of the meeting was to refine the rough draft of the issues prepared by the writing sub committee in its meeting on April 10 and 11, 2006. Members expressed concern with the draft as being too focused on how the BBL should perform its job as opposed to what its job is. Likewise they were concerned that the draft lacked a future-focused, big picture perspective.

Accordingly, the group began its work by refining the early draft Vision and Mission for the BBL that it prepared in its first meeting, but had not reviewed. With a clearer view of the Vision and Mission, the Committee developed a number of forward thinking issues followed by more specific recommendations on its ultimate implementation. The writing sub-committee was then charged with putting these thoughts in order for the Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

Finally, the public was offered an opportunity to comment, but as no members of the public were present, there was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. on June 14, 2006.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Susan Haseltine, Ph.D.
Co-Chair
Federal Advisory Committee on the Bird Banding Laboratory

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Date _____

Paul Schmidt
Co-Chair
Federal Advisory Committee on the Bird Banding Laboratory

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Date

The Committee at its next meeting will formally consider these minutes, and any corrections or notations will be incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.